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Jobless rates up in 108 counties from May 2007 to May 2008

EDITOR'S NOTE: May's preliminary and April's revised county unemployment rate charts are posted at http://workforce.ky.gov/May08chart.pdf. Acrobat Reader is required to view charts. To download Acrobat Reader, please see the end of this news release.

FRANKFORT, Ky. — Unemployment rates rose in 108 Kentucky counties between May 2007 and May 2008 and fell in 12 counties, according to the Kentucky Office of Employment and Training, an agency of the Education Cabinet.

Woodford County recorded the lowest jobless rate in the commonwealth at 4.6 percent. Other counties with low unemployment rates were Fayette County, 4.9 percent; Shelby County, 5 percent; Boone and Oldham counties, 5.1 percent each; Jessamine County, 5.2 percent; Daviess, Henderson and Warren counties, 5.3 percent each; and Anderson and Clinton counties, 5.4 percent each.

Jackson County recorded the state's highest unemployment rate — 11.3 percent. It was followed by Magoffin County, 10.6 percent; Clay County, 10.1 percent; Bell County, 9.6 percent; McCreary County, 9.5 percent; Elliott and Morgan counties, 9.4 percent each; Harlan and Wolfe counties, 9.3 percent each; and Lawrence County, 9.2 percent.

Unemployment statistics are based on estimates and are compiled to measure trends rather than actually to count people working. Civilian labor force statistics include non-military workers and unemployed Kentuckians who are actively seeking work. They do not include unemployed Kentuckians who have not looked for employment within the past four weeks. The statistics in this news release are not seasonally adjusted to allow for comparisons between United States, state and county figures.

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